employment generation programmes of Ministry of Rural Development, for manufacturing food products, such as bread, bun, papad, etc. by below-poverty-line families. In addition, the Government have authorised FCI to export/sell for the purposes of export both wheat and rice upto 25 lakh tonnes and 20 lakh tonnes respectively during 1995-96.

(b) The total storage capacity with the FCI as on 1.6.1995 is 28.58 million tonnes, including the hired storage capacity.

(c) Adequate steps are being taken to protect the foodgrains from rodents and insect pests during storage. Different type of rodenticides like Zinc Phosphide and anti-coagulants are used for the control of rodents in godowns and warehouses. Surrounding areas of the warehouses, where live rat burrows are noticed,.are fumigated with Aluminium Phosphide pellets. Prophylactic and curative measures are taken for the control of insect pests during storage. To reduce the moisture content of the foodgrains, aeration of the foodgrains is done, so that the quality of foodgrains may not be deteriorated due to increase in moisture

मध्य प्रदेश की कोयला ख़ानों को रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज को सौंपना

821. **श्री राघवजी**: क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार,मध्य प्रदेश में कोयला ख़ानों का प्रबंधन,रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लि.को सौंपने का विचार रखती हैं;

(ख) यदि हां,तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लि.ने राज्य सरकार की सहायता से उक्त प्रस्ताव को प्रेषित कर दिया हैं;और

(घ) यदि हां,तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा): (क) जी,नहीं ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता हैं ।

Export of Manganese and Bauxite Ores

822. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to which Manganese and Bauxite ores are being exported at present;

(b) the annual export of these ores from Orissa during the last three years; and

(c) the terms of agreement signed with those countries for exporting these ores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Manganese ore is being exported mainly to Japan, Republic of Korea, Pakistan and Spain whereas Bauxite is being exported to Bangladesh and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

(b) Statewise export statistics are not maintained.

(c) Apart from spot sales, annual and long term agreements on usual commercial terms are signed for export of these ores.

Effectiveness of BIS quality control methods

823. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "BIS quality control methods not effective enough" which appeared in the "The Pioneer" dated 20th June, 1995;

(b) if so, what steps Government are planning to take for strengthening/ improving the functioning of the Bureau of Indian Standards; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to replace BIS by evolving any other effective system?